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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ

REF: ANKARA 1849

1. CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ (D-N.Y.) HAS TOLD DEPARTMENT HE PLANS EXTENSIVE TRIP TO AFRICA AND MEDITERRANEAN REGION BETWEEN MARCH 21 AND APRIL 3. ITINERARY FOR TRIP IS NOW BEING ARRANGED.

2. SOLARZ CONFIRMS HE HAS RECEIVED INVITATION FROM TURKISH GOVERNMENT, CONVEYED VIA AMBASSADOR ESENBEL, AND WILL MOST LIKELY COME TO ANKARA EITHER AT VERY START OR AT TAIL END OF TRIP. SOLARZ WOULD IN THIS CASE ALSO MAKE
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BRIEF STOPS IN ATHENS AND NICOSIA IN THE HOPE OF MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH.

3. SOLARZ KNOWS HE WILL BE LEAVING WASHINGTON PRIOR TO DECISION BY ADMINISTRATION ON TURKISH DCA. HE ALSO KNOWS ADMINISTRATION WILL FIRST MAKE ITS PUBLIC PRESENTATION ON

THIS SUBJECT AT APRIL 4 HEARINGS OF HAMILTON EUROPEAN
SUBCOMMITTEE OF HIRC. SOLARZ IS A MEMBER OF THE SUB-
COMMITTEE AND HOPES, THROUGH HIS VISIT TO AREA, TO BE

SUPPORTIVE OF ADMINISTRATION AT HEARING REGARDLESS OF
EXACT POSITION WE TAKE ON FUTURE ASSISTANCE LEVELS FOR
GREECE AND TURKEY.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION WITH RESPECT TO
SOLARZ TRAVEL AT PRESENT TIME PENDING TRANSMISSION OF
EXACT SOLARZ ITINERARY, WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE SOME
TIME NEXT WEEK. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY OTHER APPROPRIATE
EMBASSIES DIRECTLY WHEN SOLARZ HAS CLARIFIED HIS PLANS.
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